



Newark Community Project for People With A.I.D.S.

'Let us fight the virus, not each other.'

P.O. BOX 1241, Newark, N.J. 07101

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members and Friends of the Newark
Community Project for People With A.I.D.S.

RE: Membership Meeting

DATE: 26 May, 1989

Please be advised that the next membership meeting of
the N.C.P. for PWAs will be convened:

DATE: Monday, June 5th

TIME: 6:15 p.m.

PLACE: Office of the Urban League of
Essex County
3-5 William Street, 3rd floor
Newark, N.J.

We are grateful to Mr. Melvin Brice for hosting this
meeting.

This meeting will feature presentations by several
active individuals regarding their current and future
activities and plans for addressing the AIDS epidemic in the
Newark area. The presenters will include:

-Dr. George Jackson, N.J. AIDS Coordinator, National
Association of Black Psychologists.

-Mr. Richard Powell, newly appointed AIDS Coordinator
for the City of Newark, and an N.C.P. for PWAs'
Founder, Original Incorporator, and Task Force on
Youth & Adolescents, Co-chair..

-Rev. Gail Savage, Coordinator of the Black Clergy in.

Community HIV/AIDS Prevention Project, and Co-Chair
N.C.P. for PWAs Task Force on Religious Entities.

-Mr. Urbano Venero, Executive Director, PROCEED, Inc.
and Architect of the PROCEED - La Casa De Don Pedro -
La CURA AIDS 'La Familia' project.

-Mr. Melvin Brice, Coordinator of A.I.D.S. programs for
the Urban League of Essex County.

We are enclosing a package of recent newspaper
clippings with informative data. Available at the meeting
will be documents too large to mail including: 'AIDS
Knowledge & Attitudes for September, 1988' published by the
U.S. Public Health Service; 'The National Adolescent Student
Health Study' (Excerpts from which were first published in
late 1988); Draft Questionnaire from the Rutgers University
Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research
study, 'AIDS Related Knowledge, Attitudes & Behavior of
Inner-City Youth'; Results from the 'AIDS Education
Implementation Survey recently publicized by the New Jersey
School Boards Association; the 'Community AIDS Needs
Assessment' as prepared by the N.J. Community Foundation's
AIDS Advisory Committee; 'Questions About AIDS... Some
Misconceptions Linger' from the March issue of Consumer
Reports; 'Can This Drug Stop AIDS? The Furor Over Compound
Q' from The Village Voice of May 30th; and 'Guidelines for
Effective School Health Education To Prevent the Spread of
AIDS' published by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control
(CDC) in January of 1988.

We have also forwarded requests to other institutions
and agencies for some other relevant studies which we hope
to have prior to the June 5th membership meeting. A limited
number of these studies, some copies of our recently
submitted proposals stressing the need for a network of
communication, cooperation, and coordination, and some
additional newspaper clippings will be available for perusal
and review before and after the meeting itself. Those
wishing copies may place orders at the conclusion of the
meeting.

As you are aware, by-laws for N.C.P. for PWAs were
adopted at the annual meeting held in March. Under the
by-laws, to remain a member in good standing you must pay an
annual membership fee of \$10.00. Kindly fill out the
attached membership update form and return it along with
your membership fee payment in the enclosed envelope.
Checks should be payable to N.C.P. for PWAs.

Your fee payment is desperately needed so that we can
continue to fulfill one of the key mandates of our Mission
Statement, i.e., the broad dissemination of relevant
information. Your fees pay for the cost of preparation,

photocopying, and postage. It is recognized that a more aware and more informed membership provides the foundation for our network of communication, cooperation, and coordination that is needed to combat this crisis.

So far, the feedback received about distributed materials has been extremely positive. To assist us in determining the types of materials that you feel are important, kindly also complete the enclosed questionnaire and return in the envelope with your membership payment.

Since our last meeting, members of N.C.P. for PWAs have been involved in many activities designed to carry forward the mission of the organization. In summary, these activities have included:

1. Participation in and attendance at hearings of the Congressional Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Affairs in both Newark (at the invitation of Congressman Payne) and Detroit (at the invitation of Congressman John Conyers) regarding the AIDS crisis (see enclosed newspaper clippings);
2. Negotiation and receipt of a small seed money grant from the Prudential Foundation;
3. Attendance, by several members, at the New Jersey Health Department, D.Y.F.S. Conference on Drug Abuse and AIDS (N.C.P. for PWAs sponsored a forum);
4. Preparation and distribution of petition to Governor Thomas Kean by Mr. Richard Proctor (a copy of which is enclosed for your use. We are requesting that each member obtain signatures and bring them to the June 5th membership meeting);
5. Attendance at the Community Foundation of N.J. sponsored Breakfast Forum on the A.I.D.S. epidemic in North Jersey at Prudential (attended by Ms. Carolyn B. Thompson-Wallace on behalf of N.C.P. for PWAs (see enclosed newspaper clipping);
6. Attendance at luncheon of Rutgers' Institute for Health, Health Care Policy, and Aging Research regarding study of 'AIDS Related Knowledge Attitudes and, Behavior of Inner-City Non-School Attending Youth in Newark; and
7. Most important, recent submissions to the Division of Youth & Family Services (DYFS) of N.J. Department of Human Services (by invitation), to the N.J. Department of Health (in response to a Request for Application), and to the National Centers for Disease Control (in response to a request for proposals).

The submission to DYFS and the Department of Health both address the urgent need for a comprehensive education/prevention effort dealing with 'at-risk' adolescents. Both submissions, prepared in conjunction with Dr. Adewale Troutman (Medical Director for Newark), presume that Newark now requires an all-inclusive network approach to the A.I.D.S. epidemic involving all who are serious about fostering the humane care and treatment of those afflicted and those affected -- this network of communication, cooperation, and coordination will work in conjunction with Drs. Troutman, Robert Johnson, and George Jackson -- so that a concerted effort can be effectively mounted by us all.

The Department of Health proposal also seeks funding for full time adult counselors who would be assigned to a diversity of community-based organizations. Inherent in both proposals is a planful approach designed to develop a network of communication, cooperation, and coordination among service providers. The Newark Medical Director (Dr. Adewale Troutman) has provided substantial program input and support to the effort and is taking a lead role in the coordination efforts.

The submission to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta seeks funding to establish a broad range of activities that are best summarized as establishing a network of community organizations in order to provide and efficiently deliver high quality counseling and information services to AIDS at risk populations. These activities include peer counseling, community forums, training, and outreach efforts.

I look forward to seeing you personally at the meeting. As always, our meetings are open to everyone.

Best Regards,


Dr. T. Winans
Chairperson

Membership update (5/89)

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NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: (HOME) _____ (WORK) _____

ORGANIZATION (FOR I.D. ONLY) _____

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____,
representing \$10.00 membership fee and a donation of
\$_____.

Kindly make checks payable to N.C.P. for PWAs.

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS:

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PUBLICATIONS QUESTIONNAIRE

Kindly rank in Order of Preference with one (1) representing highest priority.

- _____ Resource information
- _____ Governmental policies and priorities
- _____ Service information
- _____ Relevant technical information (medical)
- _____ Material focused on different risk groups (specify)

- _____ Activity reports of various organization
- _____ Financial resource material
- _____ Accounts of discrimination against AIDS victims
- _____ Description of methodologies used in areas of education/prevention
- _____ Relevant Insurance Issues
- _____ Materials on Care facilities
- _____ Volunteers
- _____ Other (Specify)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____



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